

February 11, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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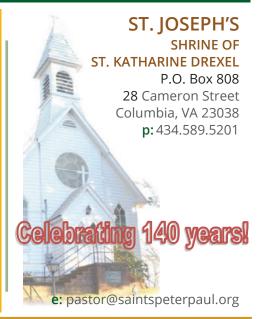
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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's Noon: SPP

CONFESSION

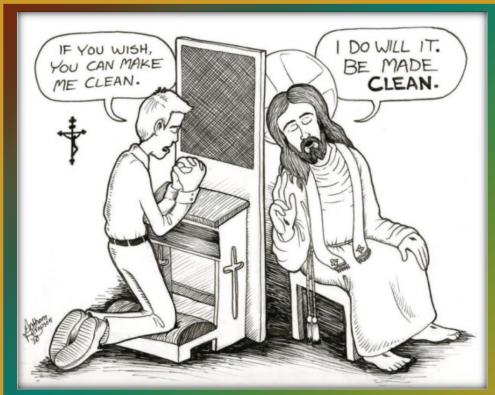
Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZE

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SERVE

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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

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Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—

11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14

and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/

Mk 1:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday: Tuesday:

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Thursday: Friday:

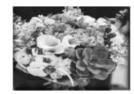
Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL BREAD & WINE ALTAR FLOWERS SANCTUARY CANDLE







Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.

ALERT: As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the <u>local</u> ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 11, 2024 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

Father John Muir



6TH SUNDAY IN OT WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

February 11th, 2024

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.





PARISH YOUTH



Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30a and conclude after the 11:00a Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed for teaching, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religioused@saintpeterandpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

PRAYER

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick. **Amen.**

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read.

Pray for them before you leave.

You will brighten their day.

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys): Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

YOUTH GROUP: K - 5

Friday, February 16th, 6 - 7:30pm

Join together for a

PRAYER BOX
BUILDING WORKSHOP

PLUS . . .

Pizza, snacks and soda!!



CHRIS NEALY HOSTING

SPP & SJ'S YOUTH GROUP



JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 15TH 6-7:30PM

FEBRUARY'S AGENDA

WHERE?

SPP Cafe

WHO?

Middle & High schoolers

WHAT?

MOVIE NIGHT!

WHAT ELSE?

PIZZA AND POP!!!



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 10 - 18, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	2/10	5pm	Giovanni & Anna Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	2/11	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/11	11am	Brian Bisgrove	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Wednesday-Ash Wednesday	2/14	9am*			
Wednesday-Ash Wednesday	2/14	12Noon	Jim Fuller	D	Judy Snyder
Wednesday-Ash Wednesday	2/14	7pm	Hunter McDonnell	1	Noel Orsak
Thursday	2/15	9am	June Wimer	D	Frank Pilk
Friday	2/16	9am	June Wimer	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Saturday	2/17	5pm	Barbara Sipress	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	2/18	9am*	Andrew Fornecker	D	Fred & Betsy Gunnels
Sunday	2/18	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .

Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingilleri, Sue Ingilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in February and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on March 2nd or 3rd, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, February 23rd, 2024.



February	9:00am	St. Joseph's	
	Noon	Sts. Peter & Paul	
14th	7:00pm	Sts. Peter & Paul	

EVERDAY STEWARDSI

Pew Count Sat 90 Sun 220	JAN 27/28
First Offering	\$ 2,955
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,202
Total	\$ 5,157
January MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 4,077

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MARCH 2ND & 3RD

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is March 2nd & 3rd after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

This is the time of year when keeping our new year's resolutions may become challenging. If we even made any. Well, here's an easy new year's resolution to feel good about: streamline your offertory giving and simplify your support! Now is a great time to stop using checks/envelopes and switch to eGiving - it's simple to sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!

FAITH DIRECT

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra VA

Eat in or Take out



February

16 & 23

March

1, 8, 15 & 22

[DESSERT DONATIONS ACCEPTED]

Cash, checks, and Credit Cards accepted

\$13 per person:

\$15 per person:

DRIVE-THRU

4:30 - 6:30P

(includes drink and choice of dessert)



5:30 - 7:00p

Lenten Lunches

Fridays during Lent after the Stations at noon

> Feb. 16 < Feb. 23 < Mar. 1

> > Mar. 8

Mar. 15 0

Mar. 22



Time: 12:30pm

Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA,
offering
instruction to
unbaptized and
non-Catholic
persons with
interest in
being members of
the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am. ROOM SCHEDULE





Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm St. Elizabeth room Parish Hall

Sat 1	10-Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass for the Sick w/ Anointing	10:00a	Church	
		Confessions	4:00p	Church	
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
		MARDI GRAS Party	6:15p	E/F	
Sun	11-Feb	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall	
		Mass	11:00a	Church	
Mon	12-Feb	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E	
Tues	13-Feb	Yoga	11:00a	F	
	14-Feb	Mass - Ash Wednesday	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
Wed		Mass - Ash Wednesday	12:00p	Church	
		Mass - Ash Wednesday	7:00p	Church	
		Scouts	6:30p	F	
	15-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church	
Thurs		Youth Group: MS/HS	6:00p	119	
		Cursillo	6:00p	123	
	16-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church	
		Adoration	9:30a	Church	
		Stations of the Cross/Lenten Lunch	Noon	Church/C	
Fri		Benediction	3:00p	Church	
		Fish Fry Drive Thru/Dine In	4:30/ 5:30p	Parking Lot/F	
		Youth Group: K-5	6:00p	119	
	17-Feb	Scouts Pinewood Derby	8:00a	E/F	
Sat		Confessions	4:00p	Church	
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
	18-Feb	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
Sun		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall	
		Mass	11:00a	Church	
		Scouts Blue/Gold Banquet	12:00p	E/F	
Room Ledger:		Y - St. Francis (Hall) R - St (Church		Raphael n)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) M - St. Michae (Church)			
		C - Commons (Church)			



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

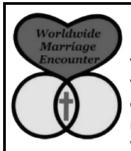
in the Adoration Chapel

M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com





arried Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For information or to register, go to www.edu.nc., click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cath Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- March 1-3, 2024 College Park, MD
- April 12-14, 2024 Herndon, VA

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL
Wednesday, February 28th, 2024
10:00AM in the Commons

We'll continue talking about the "Fourth Quarter of Our Lives" as we explore Chapter 24: You Content Diet (p. 131). Inventory the types of things you usually watch, listen to or read. This content has an impact on our minds an mood. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.

ccasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd "ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is Seeking a Music Director



The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

SAVE THE DATE:

PARISH TRIP IN 2025

April 24 - May 4, 2025

This will kick off our year-long celebration of our 40th anniversary.

Want more details?

Information can be found on the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons.

Contact Cynthia Aycock with questions 434.996.6065

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Sharing His Love with Others



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our **In-Pew Process** at all Masses during the weekends of February 17th/18th.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. The ADA allocates funds to various categories of grants which are available to us, such as Fuel & Hunger and the Home Missions grants.

Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.



Catholic Q & A

SAINT VS. BLESSED

Ouestion:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

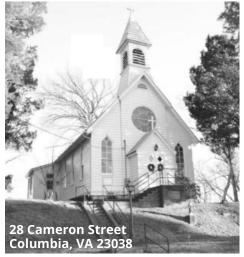
Knights of Columbus "100 Club"

winners for JANUARY:

01/03/24 - BOB J. HEFFLEY #40 01/10/24 - UNSOLD #100 01/17/24 - BERNADETTE CASEY #91 01/24/24 - MURIEL TOEPFERT #18 01/31/24 - PAT AMATO #10



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INTROSPECTIVE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE UNFAILING GOODNESS OF GOD

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

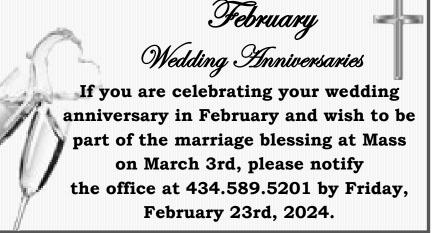
As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

February 14th



9:00am St. Joseph's



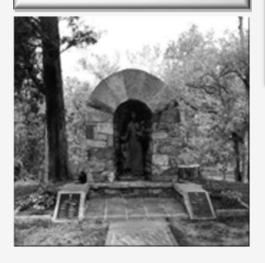


PRAYER REQUESTS

MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
Will Kulick * Andy Mallory *
India Martin * Angelica Motta *
Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
Christine Stewart * John Stewart *
Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

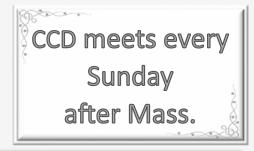
It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

OFFERTORY

JAN 28 \$ 707 VOTIVES \$ 10 POOR BOX \$ 107

Thank you for your generosity!





Join us for a special presentation from the Longwood College Choir on Sunday, February 25th.

*All events are themed with a focus on history, faith, education or community.

As we prepare to close out our year-long celebration of St. Joseph/Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel's 140 years, our final event is Mass, lead by Bishop Barry Knestout on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 11:00am. A potluck meal is in the works. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. Invitations will go out and must be returned by March 1st.



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